

Berkshire Hills Reports Fourth Quarter Results; Increases Dividend 5%

BOSTON, January 23, 2019 - Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (NYSE: BHLB) reported GAAP net income of \$14 million, or \$0.31 per common share in the fourth quarter of 2018. The non-GAAP measure of core earnings totaled \$29 million, or \$0.63 per share, during this period. Both GAAP and core EPS totaled \$0.70 in the prior quarter. The benefit of higher net interest income in the fourth quarter was offset by lower fee income and higher expense. Core EPS is net of non-core charges which totaled \$0.32 per share after tax in the fourth quarter and included merger related expenses and other items, including costs related to the restructuring of the Company's banking systems provider relationships.

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (balance sheet growth is compared to prior quarter-end):

- 2% loan and deposit growth
- 3.41% net interest margin
- 60.3% efficiency ratio
- 0.17% net loan charge-offs/average loans
- 0.28% non-performing assets/assets

CEO Richard Marotta stated, "Core earnings for the year were in line with our original plan, and fourth quarter core earnings also met our expectations before the impact of the government shutdown on SBA related fee revenue. During 2018, our teams made great strides integrating our Eastern-Massachusetts acquisition and developing organic business across our footprint. Loan growth was consistent throughout the year, and deposit balances increased with the benefit of higher activity in the fourth quarter. Our internal capital generation supported our balance sheet growth, and our credit performance and asset quality remain strong."

Mr. Marotta added, "In December, we announced an agreement to acquire SI Financial, which adds a solid deposit franchise in southeastern New England, and complements our operations in Springfield, Worcester, and Hartford. We're working expeditiously to complete this merger by mid-year 2019 with a goal of completing the integration later in the year to achieve future

targeted accretive benefits of increased scale and a combined pro forma asset base of nearly \$14 billion. We completed a technology project in the fourth quarter, and restructured our banking systems provider relationships which will benefit our long term competitive profile. In recognition of the year's progress, our Board approved a 5% dividend increase effective with our next dividend."

Mr. Marotta concluded "Our Berkshire teams are moving forward together, supported by a strong culture. Our corporate responsibility initiatives in 2018 included increasing our minimum wage to \$15 per hour, formalization of equal pay standards, naming a Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, and initiating a diversity and inclusion program which is augmented by our Boston headquarters location. We're committed to a long-term focus and judicious business management to deliver on our franchise investment and the expectations of our constituents."

DIVIDEND INCREASED

The Board of Directors voted to increase the quarterly cash dividend by \$0.01, or 5%, to \$0.23 per common share to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 14, 2019, payable on February 28, 2019. The dividend equates to a 3.4% annualized yield based on the \$26.97 closing price of Berkshire Hills Bancorp at year-end 2018. Effective on the same dates, the Board also increased the quarterly cash dividend on preferred stock by 5% to \$0.46 per share.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets increased to \$12.2 billion in the fourth quarter, resulting from 2% growth in commercial loans and residential mortgages. Commercial loan growth was concentrated in Central and Eastern Massachusetts, together with higher specialty lending and asset based lending balances. Mortgage growth was based on originations in Eastern Massachusetts in support of the Bank's expansion. Deposits increased by 2% including seasonally higher yearend activity. Payroll service related balances increased by \$108 million, and accounted for most of the shift between NOW and money market accounts. The average cost of deposits was 1.07% in the fourth quarter, increasing by 0.11% quarter-over-quarter, in line with the Company's expectations. Liquidity and capital metrics were little changed in the fourth quarter. The year-end ratio of loans/deposits was 101%. The year-end 2018 equity/assets ratio measured 12.7% and tangible equity/tangible assets measured 8.6%. Book value per common share increased in 2018 by 4% to \$33.30, while the non-GAAP measure of tangible book value per common share improved by 7% to \$21.15.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GAAP earnings per share decreased to \$0.31 in the fourth quarter, compared to \$0.70 in the prior quarter. Net non-core charges totaled \$19 million, or \$0.32 per share after-tax, in the fourth quarter. This included \$8 million in expense related to the restructuring of the Company's banking systems vendor relationships to improve the breadth, flexibility, and scalability of these systems. This charge is expected to be earned back in less than three years, including benefits related to merger integration costs. Non-core charges in the fourth quarter included \$3 million in merger related expenses, a \$3 million accrued expense related to a legal settlement, and a \$3

million charge to non-interest income due to a reduction in the carrying value of equity securities which are marked-to-market quarterly. Other non-core charges included a \$1.5 million expense related to the CEO transition, consisting of a payout pursuant to a resignation and separation agreement, net of the reversal of accrued conditional benefits which were forfeited as part of this agreement.

Core earnings per share decreased to \$0.63 in the fourth quarter from \$0.70 in the prior quarter, reflecting a \$1 million decrease in revenue and a \$3 million increase in core expense. Net interest income increased by \$4 million quarter-over-quarter, including the benefit of a 2% increase in average earning assets and an increase in the net interest margin to 3.41% from 3.32%. The net interest margin includes purchased loan accretion, which varies each quarter primarily due to the impact of recoveries of purchased credit impaired loans. This accretion contributed 0.30% to the fourth quarter 2018 margin, compared to 0.17% in the prior quarter. Rising funding costs resulted in a 0.04% reduction in the margin before the impact of purchased loan accretion. The cost of funds increased by 0.15% due to Federal Reserve Bank interest rate hikes and increased average utilization of higher cost borrowings.

Fourth quarter fee income decreased by \$6 million quarter-over-quarter, with the decrease split between mortgage banking revenue and SBA loan sale gains included in loan related income. These reductions reflected market conditions, including lower volumes and tighter margins, as well as seasonal factors. The SBA decrease included \$1 million in gains related to loans that could not be processed for sale due to the partial federal government shutdown.

The fourth quarter loan loss provision increased quarter-over-quarter, adding to the loan loss allowance concurrent with loan growth during the quarter. The provision exceeded net loan charge-offs, which measured 0.17% of average loans, and the allowance increased to 0.68% of total loans. Charge-offs, delinquencies, and non-accruals all decreased compared to the prior quarter, and remain at favorable levels.

GAAP non-interest expense increased by \$19 million quarter-over-quarter, including the above mentioned non-core expenses. Core non-interest expense increased by \$3 million quarter-over-quarter, including higher compensation expense and professional fees in support of current initiatives. Total full-time equivalent staff decreased to 1,916 positions at year-end, from 1,992 positions at the start of the year, primarily due to volume related reductions in mortgage banking staff. The GAAP effective income tax rate was 19% for the fourth quarter and 21% for the year 2018. The core effective tax rate for the year was also 21%.

INVESTOR CONFERENCE CALL

Berkshire will conduct a conference call/webcast at 10:00 a.m. eastern time on Thursday, January 24, 2019 to discuss the results for the quarter and provide guidance about expected future results. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the conference call using the following link: http://dpregister.com/10127662. Callers who pre-register will be given dial-in instructions and a unique PIN to gain immediate access to the call. Participants may pre-register at any time prior to the call, and will immediately receive simple instructions via email. Additionally, participants may reach the registration link and access the webcast by

logging in through the investor section of Berkshire's website at http://ir.berkshirebank.com. Those parties who do not have internet access or are otherwise unable to pre-register for this event may still participate at the above time by dialing 1-844-792-3726 and asking the Operator to join the Berkshire Hills Bancorp (BHLB) earnings call. A telephone replay of the call will be available through Thursday, January 31, 2019 by dialing 877-344-7529 and entering access number 10127662. The webcast will be available on Berkshire's website for an extended period of time.

BACKGROUND

Berkshire Hills Bancorp is the parent of Berkshire Bank, which is recognized for its entrepreneurial approach, relationship customer experience and distinctive culture. The Company has approximately \$12.2 billion in assets and 115 full service branches in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania providing personal and business banking, insurance, and wealth management services. The Company also offers mortgages and specialized commercial lending services in targeted national markets. Berkshire has a pending agreement to acquire SI Financial Group, Inc., the parent of Savings Institute Bank & Trust Company, a \$1.6 billion bank with 23 branches in eastern Connecticut and southern Rhode Island.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There are several factors that could cause actual results to differ significantly from expectations described in the forward-looking statements. For a discussion of such factors, please see Berkshire's most recent reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Berkshire does not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

In connection with the proposed merger, Berkshire will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that will include a Proxy Statement of SI Financial Group ("SIFI") and a Prospectus of Berkshire, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger. **Before making any voting or investment decision, investors and security holders of SIFI and Berkshire are urged to carefully read the entire registration statement and Proxy Statement/Prospectus, when they become available, as well as any amendments or supplements to these documents, because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction.** A free copy of the Registration Statement and Proxy Statement/Prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Berkshire and SIFI, when they become available, may be obtained at the SEC's Internet site (www.sec.gov). Copies of documents filed by Berkshire with the SEC may also be obtained, free of charge, from Berkshire's website at ir.berkshirebank.com or by contacting Erin Duggan at 413-236-3773. Copies of the documents filed by SIFI with the SEC may also be obtained, free of charge, from SIFI's website at www.mysifi.com or by contacting Rheo Brouillard at 860-456-6540.

PARTICIPANTS IN SOLICITATION

Berkshire and SIFI and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of SIFI in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of Berkshire is set forth in the proxy statement for Berkshire's 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on a Schedule 14A on April 6, 2018. Information about the directors and executive officers of SIFI is set forth in the proxy statement for SIFI's 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on a Schedule 14A on March 29, 2018. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, may be obtained by reading the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other relevant documents regarding the proposed merger to be filed with the SEC (when they become available). Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

This document contains certain non-GAAP financial measures in addition to results presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). These non-GAAP measures provide supplemental perspectives on operating results, performance trends, and financial condition. They are not a substitute for GAAP measures; they should be read and used in conjunction with the Company's GAAP financial information. A reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP measures is included on pages F-9 and F-10 in the accompanying financial tables. In all cases, it should be understood that non-GAAP per share measures do not depict amounts that accrue directly to the benefit of shareholders.

The Company utilizes the non-GAAP measure of core earnings in evaluating operating trends, including components for core revenue and expense. These measures exclude items which the Company does not view as related to its normalized operations. These items primarily include securities gains/losses, merger costs, and restructuring costs. Securities gains/losses include unrealized gains/losses on equity securities beginning in the first quarter of 2018. Charges related to merger and acquisition activity consist primarily of severance/benefit related expenses, contract termination costs, systems conversion costs, variable compensation expenses, and professional fees. The merger related charges in 2017 and 2018 are primarily related to the business combinations with First Choice Bank and Commerce Bancshares Corp., and the pending combination with SI Financial. Restructuring costs generally consist of costs and losses associated with the disposition of assets and liabilities and lease terminations, including costs related to branch sales. Additionally, the Company recorded charges for hedge terminations in the first quarter of 2017 and legal settlement costs during the year. In 2018, the Company recorded \$8 million in charges related to the restructuring of banking systems vendor relationships in conjunction with contractual arrangements extending to 2026. The Company recorded a \$3 million cost for the pending settlement of an existing legal proceeding with a plaintiff claiming to be representing a class of depositors. Non-core charges in 2018 also included a \$1.5 million net charge related to the CEO transition, consisting of a \$7.5 million

payout pursuant to a resignation and separation agreement, net of the reversal of accrued conditional benefits which were forfeited in this agreement.

Non-core adjustments are presented net of an adjustment for income tax expense. This adjustment is determined as the difference between the GAAP tax rate and the effective tax rate applicable to core income. The efficiency ratio is adjusted for non-core revenue and expense items and for tax preference items. The Company also calculates measures related to tangible equity, which adjust equity (and assets where applicable) to exclude intangible assets due to the importance of these measures to the investment community.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - UNAUDITED - (F-1)

	At or for the Quarters Ended (2)														
	D	ec. 31,		S	ept. 30,		J	une 30,		M	arch 31,		Dec	. 31,	
		2018			2018			2018			2018		2017	7 (3)	
PER SHARE DATA															
Net earnings/(loss) per common share, diluted	\$	0.31		\$	0.70		\$	0.74		\$	0.55		\$	(0.06)	
Core earnings per common share, diluted (1)		0.63			0.70			0.74			0.65			0.58	
Total book value per common share		33.30			32.84			32.49			32.12		3	32.14	
Tangible book value per common share (1)		21.15			20.68			20.28			19.86			19.83	
Market price at period end		26.97			40.70			40.60			37.95		3	36.60	
Dividends per common share		0.22			0.22			0.22			0.22			0.21	
Dividends per preferred share		0.44			0.44			0.44			0.44			0.42	
PERFORMANCE RATIOS (4)															
Return on assets		0.47	%		1.08	%)	1.17	%		0.88	%		(0.10)	%
Core return on assets (1)		0.97			1.08			1.17			1.04			0.94	
Return on equity		3.61			8.27			8.88			6.69			(0.77)	
Core return on equity (1)		7.38			8.28			8.89			7.92			7.16	
Core return on tangible common equity (1)		12.07			13.67			14.82			13.43			11.90	
Net interest margin, fully taxable equivalent (FTE) (5)		3.41			3.32			3.50			3.36			3.50	
Fee income/Net interest and fee income		19.36			24.33			24.25			25.51		2	25.91	
Efficiency ratio (1)		60.30			57.15			56.37			59.54			57.43	
GROWTH (Year-to-date)															
Total commercial loans (annualized)		6	%		5	%)	5	%		1	%		38	%
Total loans (annualized)		9			10			10			4			27	
Total deposits (annualized)		3			0			2			(3)			32	
Total net revenues (compared to prior year)		12			16			16			13			41	
Earnings per common share (compared to prior year)		65			28			33			25			(25)	
Core earnings per common share (compared to prior year)(1)		18			22			24			18			4	
FINANCIAL DATA (in millions)															
Total assets	\$	12,212		\$	12,030		\$	11,902		\$	11,519		\$ 1	1,571	
Total earning assets		11,140			10,957			10,827			10,442		10	0,509	
Total securities		1,919			1,918			1,920			1,932			1,899	
Total loans		9,043			8,905			8,710			8,376		8	8,299	
Allowance for loan losses		61			58			56			54			52	
Total intangible assets		552			553			555			556			558	
Total deposits		8,982			8,766			8,839			8,683			8,750	
Total shareholders' equity		1,553			1,532			1,516			1,498			1,496	
Net income/(loss)		14.3			32.2			34.0			25.2			(2.8)	
Core income (1)		29.2			32.2			34.1			29.9			26.3	
ASSET QUALITY AND CONDITION RATIOS															
Net charge-offs (current quarter annualized)/average loans		0.17	%		0.19)	0.21	%		0.17	%		0.17	%
Total non-performing assets/total assets		0.28			0.30			0.20			0.27			0.21	
Allowance for loan losses/total loans		0.68			0.66			0.64			0.64			0.62	
Loans/deposits		101			102			99			96			95	
Shareholders' equity to total assets		12.72			12.74			12.74			13.00			12.93	
Tangible shareholders' equity to tangible assets (1)		8.59			8.53			8.47			8.59			8.52	

⁽¹⁾ Non-GAAP financial measure. Core measurements are non-GAAP financial measures that are adjusted to exclude net non-core charges primarily related to acquisitions and restructuring activities. See pages F-9 and F-10 for reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures.

⁽²⁾ Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures, including all references to core and tangible amounts, appear on pages F-9 and F-10.

⁽³⁾ The Company acquired Commerce Bancshares Corp., the parent of Commerce Bank & Trust Company, on October 13, 2017.

⁽⁴⁾ All performance ratios are annualized and are based on average balance sheet amounts, where applicable.

⁽⁵⁾ Fully taxable equivalent considers the impact of tax advantaged investment securities and loans.



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS - UNAUDITED - (F-2)

	D	ecember 31,	September 30,	December 31,
(in thousands)		2018	2018	2017
Assets				
Cash and due from banks	\$	100,972	\$ 93,038	\$ 91,122
Short-term investments		82,217	42,696	157,641
Total cash and short-term investments		183,189	135,734	248,763
Trading security		11,212	11,179	12,277
Marketable equity securities, at fair value		56,638	59,734	45,185
Securities available for sale, at fair value		1,399,647	1,391,373	1,380,914
Securities held to maturity, at amortized cost		373,763	379,404	397,103
Federal Home Loan Bank stock and other restricted securities		77,344	76,184	63,085
Total securities		1,918,604	1,917,874	1,898,564
Loans held for sale, at fair value		96,233	91,639	153,620
Commercial real estate loans		3,400,221	3,371,773	3,264,742
Commercial and industrial loans		1,980,046	1,902,228	1,803,939
Residential mortgages		2,566,424	2,509,324	2,102,807
Consumer loans		1,096,562	1,121,188	1,127,850
Total loans		9,043,253	8,904,513	8,299,338
Less: Allowance for loan losses		(61,469)	(58,457)	(51,834
Net loans		8,981,784	8,846,056	8,247,504
Premises and equipment, net		108,367	111,130	109,352
Other real estate owned		_	-	_
Goodwill		518,325	518,325	519,287
Other intangible assets		33,418	34,620	38,296
Cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance		190,609	194,369	191,221
Deferred tax asset, net		39,164	56,708	47,061
Other assets		142,538	123,604	117,083
Total assets	\$	12,212,231	\$ 12,030,059	\$ 11,570,751
Liabilities and shareholders' equity				
Demand deposits	\$	1,603,019	\$ 1,563,845	\$ 1,606,656
NOW and other deposits	Ψ	1,122,321	844,210	734,558
Money market deposits		2,245,195	2,447,184	2,776,157
Savings deposits		724,129	737,682	741,954
Time deposits		3,287,717	3,173,180	2,890,205
Total deposits		8,982,381	8,766,101	8,749,530
Senior borrowings		1,428,298	1,450,653	1,047,736
Subordinated borrowings		89,518	89,473	89,339
Total borrowings		1,517,816	1,540,126	1,137,075
Other lightities		150 117	101 517	107 000
Other liabilities Total liabilities		159,116 10,659,313	191,517 10,497,744	187,882 10,074,487
Preferred shareholders' equity		40,633	40,633	40,633
Common shareholders' equity		1,512,285	1,491,682	1,455,631
Total shareholders' equity		1,552,918	1,532,315	1,496,264
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	12,212,231	\$ 12,030,059	\$ 11,570,751



LOAN ANALYSIS

							Annualized Gro	owth %
	Decemb	per 31, 2018	Septem	ber 30, 2018	Decem	ber 31, 2017	Quarter ended	
(in millions)	В	alance	В	alance	I	Balance	December 31, 2018	Year to Date
	Φ.	2 400		2.252	Φ.	2.254	2.04	4 0/
Total commercial real estate	\$	3,400	\$	3,372	\$	3,264	3 %	
Commercial and industrial loans		1,980		1,902		1,804	16	10
Total commercial loans		5,380		5,274		5,068	8	6
Total residential mortgages		2,566		2,510		2,103	9	22
Home equity		377		389		410	(12)	(8)
Auto and other		720		732		718	(7)	0
Total consumer loans		1,097		1,121		1,128	(9)	(3)
Total loans	\$	9,043	\$	8,905	\$	8,299	6 %	9 %

DEPOSIT ANALYSIS

							Annualized Grow	th %
	Decen	nber 31, 2018	Septe	ember 30, 2018	Dec	ember 31, 2017	Quarter ended	
(in millions)		Balance		Balance		Balance	December 31, 2018	Year to Date
Demand	\$	1,603	\$	1,564	\$	1,606	10 %	0 %
NOW and other		1,122		844		735	132	53
Money market		2,245		2,447		2,776	(33)	(19)
Savings		724		738		742	(8)	(2)
Time deposits		3,288		3,173		2,890	14	14
Total deposits	\$	8,982	\$	8,766	\$	8,749	10 %	3 %



		Three Mo	nths E	nded	Years Ended					
		Decem	iber 3	1,		Decem	iber 31	l ,		
(in thousands, except per share data)		2018		2017		2018		2017		
Interest and dividend income										
Loans	\$	112,732	\$	91,149	\$	411,489	\$	308,099		
Securities and other		15,119		14,674		59,672		52,159		
Total interest and dividend income		127,851		105,823		471,161		360,258		
Interest expense										
Deposits		23,811		13,802		78,364		43,855		
Borrowings		10,636		5,655		33,461		21,608		
Total interest expense		34,447		19,457		111,825		65,463		
Net interest income		93,404		86,366		359,336		294,795		
Non-interest income										
Mortgage banking originations		5,884		11,918		35,197		54,251		
Loan related income		4,644		5,866		24,168		21,401		
Deposit related fees		7,131		7,871		29,806		27,165		
Insurance commissions and fees		2,479		2,284		10,983		10,589		
Wealth management fees		2,287		2,268		9,447		9,395		
Total fee income		22,425		30,207		109,601		122,801		
Other		1,666		(939)		3,557		(3,377)		
Securities (losses)/gains, net		(3,023)		30		(3,719)		12,598		
Gain on sale of business operations and assets, net		-		-		460		296		
(Loss) on termination of hedges		-		-		-		(6,629)		
Total non-interest income		21,068		29,298		109,899		125,689		
Total net revenue		114,472		115,664		469,235		420,484		
Provision for loan losses		6,716		6,141		25,451		21,025		
Non-interest expense										
Compensation and benefits		41,944		42,220		165,185		152,979		
Occupancy and equipment		10,385		9,451		40,841		35,422		
Technology and communications		6,462		6,286		28,600		25,900		
Marketing and promotion		1,515		4,573		7,980		11,877		
Professional services		3,634		2,277		8,693		9,165		
FDIC premiums and assessments		1,488		1,920		5,734		6,457		
Other real estate owned and foreclosures		1		9		68		44		
Amortization of intangible assets		1,202		1,183		4,934		3,493		
Merger, restructuring and other expense		16,006		15,553		22,144		31,558		
Other		7,551		6,569		26,192		22,815		
Total non-interest expense		90,188		90,041		310,371		299,710		
Income before income taxes		17,568		19,482		133,413		99,749		
Income tax expense		3,309		22,292		27,648		44,502		
Net income	\$	14,259	\$	(2,810)	\$	105,765	\$	55,247		
Preferred stock dividend	Ψ	229	Ψ	219	Ψ	918	Ψ	219		
Income available to common shareholders	\$	14,030	\$	(3,029)	\$	104,847	\$	55,028		
Earnings/(loss) per common share:										
Basic	\$	0.31	\$	(0.06)	\$	2.30	\$	1.40		
Diluted	\$	0.31	\$	(0.06)	\$	2.29	\$	1.39		
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		46,061		45,122		46,024		39,456		
Diluted		46,240		45,122		46,231		39,695		
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (5 Quarter Trend) - UNAUDITED - (F-5)

]	Dec. 31,		Sept. 30,	J	une 30,	N.	Iarch 31,	I	Dec. 31,
(in thousands, except per share data)		2018		2018		2018		2018		2017
Interest and dividend income										
Loans	\$	112,732	\$	104,273	\$	101,649	\$	92,835	\$	91,149
Securities and other		15,119		14,918		15,230		14,405		14,674
Total interest and dividend income		127,851		119,191		116,879		107,240		105,823
Interest expense										
Deposits		23,811		21,460		17,768		15,325		13,802
Borrowings		10,636		8,390		7,990		6,445		5,655
Total interest expense		34,447		29,850		25,758		21,770		19,457
Net interest income		93,404		89,341		91,121		85,470		86,366
Non-interest income										
Mortgage banking originations		5,884		8,971		10,195		10,147		11,918
Loan related income		4,644		7,537		6,549		5,438		5,866
Deposit related fees		7,131		7,004		7,605		8,066		7,871
Insurance commissions and fees		2,479		2,930		2,549		3,025		2,284
Wealth management fees		2,287		2,283		2,280		2,597		2,268
Total fee income		22,425		28,725		29,178		29,273		30,207
Other		1,666		468		155		1,268		(939)
Securities (losses)/gains, net		(3,023)		88		718		(1,502)		30
(Loss)/gain on sale of business operations and assets, net		-		-		(21)		481		-
(Loss) on termination of hedges		-		-		-		-		-
Total non-interest income		21,068		29,281		30,030		29,520		29,298
Total net revenue		114,472		118,622		121,151		114,990		115,664
Provision for loan losses		6,716		6,628		6,532		5,575		6,141
Non-interest expense										
Compensation and benefits		41,944		39,923		41,134		42,184		42,220
Occupancy and equipment		10,385		10,144		10,230		10,082		9,451
Technology and communications		6,462		7,949		7,359		6,830		6,286
Marketing and promotion		1,515		1,484		2,369		2,612		4,573
Professional services		3,634		1,867		1,139		2,053		2,277
FDIC premiums and assessments		1,488		1,640		1,411		1,195		1,920
Other real estate owned and foreclosures		1		(1)		1		67		9
Amortization of intangible assets		1,202		1,218		1,246		1,268		1,183
Merger, restructuring and other expense		16,006		198		847		5,093		15,553
Other		7,551		6,555		6,601		5,485		6,569
Total non-interest expense		90,188		70,977		72,337		76,869		90,041
Income before income taxes		17,568		41,017		42,282		32,546		19,482
Income tax expense		3,309		8,790		8,251		7,298		22,292
Net income/(loss)	\$	14,259	\$	32,227	\$	34,031	\$	25,248	\$	(2,810)
Preferred stock dividend	4	229	Ψ	230	Ψ	229	Ψ	230	Ψ	219
	\$	14,030	\$	31,997	\$	33,802	\$	25,018	\$	(3,029)
Income/(loss) available to common shareholders	φ	14,030	Ą	31,997	φ	33,802	Ф	23,018	Ф	(3,029)
Earnings/(loss) per common share:										
Basic	\$	0.31	\$	0.70	\$	0.74	\$	0.55	\$	(0.06)
Diluted	\$	0.31	\$	0.70	\$	0.74	\$	0.55	\$	(0.06)
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		46,061		46,030		46,032		45,966		45,122
Diluted		46,240		46,263		46,215		46,200		
Diluicu		40,240		40,203		40,213		40,200		45,122



			Quarters Ended		
	Dec. 31,	Sept. 30,	June 30,	March 31,	Dec. 31,
	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017
Earning assets					
Loans:					
Commercial real estate	5.40 %	4.67 %	6 5.08 %	4.76 %	4.73 %
Commercial and industrial loans	5.97	6.22	5.73	5.19	5.25
Residential mortgages	3.72	3.66	3.72	3.56	3.76
Consumer loans	4.52	4.27	4.13	4.01	3.94
Total loans	4.94	4.66	4.73	4.45	4.47
Securities	3.38	3.36	3.47	3.26	3.55
Short-term investments and loans held for sale	3.74	3.82	3.86	3.43	2.90
Total earning assets	4.64	4.41	4.48	4.21	4.27
Funding liabilities					
Deposits:					
NOW and other	0.59	0.58	0.44	0.28	0.25
Money market	1.10	0.92	0.88	0.73	0.66
Savings	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14
Time	1.93	1.76	1.54	1.40	1.25
Total interest-bearing deposits	1.31	1.18	1.02	0.90	0.82
Borrowings	2.67	2.42	2.29	2.02	1.81
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1.55	1.38	1.23	1.08	0.97
Net interest spread	3.09	3.03	3.25	3.13	3.30
Net interest margin (1)	3.41	3.32	3.50	3.36	3.50
Cost of funds (2)	1.31	1.16	1.03	0.90	0.81
Cost of deposits	1.07	0.96	0.83	0.73	0.66

⁽¹⁾ The effect of purchased loan accretion on the quarterly net interest margin was an increase in all quarters, which is shown sequentially as follows beginning with the most recent quarter and ending with the earliest quarter: 0.30%, 0.17%, 0.25%, 0.13%, 0.21%. See page F-7 for purchased loan accretion.

⁽²⁾ Cost of funds includes all deposits and borrowings.



AVERAGE BALANCES - UNAUDITED - (F-7)

				(Quarters Ended		
		Dec. 31,	Sept. 30,		June 30,	March 31,	Dec. 31,
(in thousands)		2018	 2018		2018	2018	2017
Assets							
Loans							
Commercial real estate	\$	3,373,936	\$ 3,331,097	\$	3,316,482	\$ 3,250,861	\$ 3,161,902
Commercial and industrial loans		1,921,361	1,824,369		1,773,722	1,811,433	1,645,719
Residential mortgages		2,539,592	2,459,943		2,268,886	2,138,544	2,081,548
Consumer loans		1,112,433	1,120,942		1,113,089	1,114,586	1,123,683
Γotal loans (1)		8,947,322	8,736,351		8,472,179	8,315,424	8,012,852
Securities (2)		1,933,891	1,928,851		1,931,104	1,933,002	1,921,724
Short-term investments and loans held for sale		132,348	167,187		146,190	139,161	146,101
Total earning assets		11,013,561	10,832,389		10,549,473	10,387,587	10,080,677
Goodwill and other intangible assets		552,206	554,359		554,591	557,321	533,157
Other assets		515,320	523,747		506,954	521,745	516,802
Total assets	\$	12,081,087	\$ 11,910,495	\$	11,611,018	\$ 11,466,653	\$ 11,130,636
Liabilities and shareholders' equity							
Deposits							
NOW and other	\$	920,225	\$ 844,888	\$	819,166	\$ 712,181	\$ 702,353
Money market		2,339,699	2,348,516		2,524,713	2,518,920	2,371,203
Savings		728,853	740,765		749,995	743,944	733,157
Гime		3,229,521	3,274,518		2,878,846	2,913,512	2,906,423
Total interest-bearing deposits		7,218,298	7,208,687		6,972,720	6,888,557	6,713,136
Borrowings		1,566,478	1,363,914		1,382,794	1,275,173	1,229,781
Total interest-bearing liabilities		8,784,776	8,572,601		8,355,514	8,163,730	7,942,917
Non-interest-bearing demand deposits		1,579,013	1,635,564		1,619,470	1,656,260	1,591,431
Other liabilities		136,224	144,401		102,583	137,976	127,562
Total liabilities		10,500,013	10,352,566		10,077,567	9,957,966	9,661,910
Preferred shareholders' equity		40,633	40,633		40,633	40,633	34,892
Common shareholders' equity		1,540,441	1,517,296		1,492,818	1,468,054	1,433,834
Total shareholders' equity	_	1,581,074	1,557,929		1,533,451	1,508,687	1,468,726
1 7			11,910,495			\$ 11,466,653	\$ 11,130,636

⁽¹⁾ Total loans include non-accruing loans.

⁽²⁾ Average balances for securities available-for-sale are based on amortized cost.

⁽³⁾ See page F-9 for details on the calculation of total average tangible equity.



				At or	for t	he Quarters	Ende	d		
	Ι	Dec. 31,	S	ept. 30,	J	une 30,	M	arch 31,	Γ	Dec. 31,
(in thousands)		2018		2018		2018	2018			2017
NON-PERFORMING ASSETS										
Non-accruing loans:										
Commercial real estate	\$	20,372	\$	22,639	\$	10,338	\$	10,084	\$	7,266
Commercial and industrial loans		6,003		4,914		4,029		7,430		7,311
Residential mortgages		2,217		2,683		3,196		5,777		2,883
Consumer loans		3,834		4,401		5,466		5,996		5,438
Total non-accruing loans		32,426		34,637		23,029		29,287		22,898
Other real estate owned		-		-		-		-		-
Repossessed assets		1,209		1,069		1,241		1,241		1,147
Total non-performing assets	\$	33,635	\$	35,706	\$	24,270	\$	30,528	\$	24,045
Total non-accruing loans/total loans		0.36%		0.39%		0.26%		0.35%		0.28%
Total non-performing assets/total assets		0.28%		0.30%		0.20%		0.27%		0.21%
PROVISION AND ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSS.	ES									
Balance at beginning of period	\$	58,457	\$	55,925	\$	53,859	\$	51,834	\$	49,004
Charged-off loans		(4,029)		(4,471)		(5,714)		(3,791)		(3,734)
Recoveries on charged-off loans		325		375		1,248		241		423
Net loans charged-off		(3,704)		(4,096)		(4,466)		(3,550)		(3,311)
Provision for loan losses		6,716		6,628		6,532		5,575		6,141
Balance at end of period	\$	61,469	\$	58,457	\$	55,925	\$	53,859	\$	51,834
Allowance for loan losses/total loans		0.68%		0.66%		0.64%		0.64%		0.62%
Allowance for loan losses/non-accruing loans		190%		169%		243%		184%		226%
NET LOAN CHARGE-OFFS										
Commercial real estate	\$	(1,357)	\$	(3,074)	\$	(2,079)	\$	(817)	\$	(881)
Commercial and industrial loans		(1,538)		(189)		(1,193)		(972)		(960)
Residential mortgages		(108)		61		(632)		(406)		(759)
Home equity		(116)		(242)		108		(588)		(123)
Auto and other consumer		(585)		(652)		(670)		(767)		(588)
Total, net	\$	(3,704)	\$	(4,096)	\$	(4,466)	\$	(3,550)	\$	(3,311)
Net charge-offs (QTD annualized)/average loans		0.17%		0.19%		0.21%		0.17%		0.17%
Net charge-offs (YTD annualized)/average loans		0.18%		0.19%		0.19%		0.17%		0.19%
DELINQUENT AND NON-ACCRUING LOANS/TOT	AL LOAN	NS								
30-89 Days delinquent		0.27%		0.38%		0.22%		0.39%		0.35%
90+ Days delinquent and still accruing		0.22%		0.22%		0.40%		0.23%		0.20%
Total accruing delinquent loans		0.49%		0.60%		0.62%		0.62%		0.55%
Non-accruing loans		0.36%		0.39%		0.26%		0.35%		0.28%
Total delinquent and non-accruing loans		0.85%		0.99%		0.88%		0.97%		0.83%



RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA- UNAUDITED - (F-9)

		At or for the Quarters I								
		Dec. 31,		Sept. 30,		June 30,	l	March 31,		Dec. 31,
(in thousands)		2018		2018		2018		2018		2017
Net income/(loss)		\$ 14,259	\$	32,227	\$	34,031	\$	25,248	\$	(2,810)
Adj: Net securities losses/(gains) (1)		3,023		(88)		(718))	1,502		(30)
Adj: Loss on termination of hedges				-		-		-		-
Adj: Net losses/(gains) on sale of business operations and assets				_		21		(481)		-
Adj: Merger and acquisition expense		2,792		198		847		5,093		15,553
Adj: Restructuring expense and other expense		1,822		_		-		_		-
Adj: Employee and community investment				_		-		_		3,400
Adj: Legal settlements		3,000		_		-		_		, -
Adj: Systems vendor restructuring costs		8,379		_		_		_		_
Adj: Deferred tax asset impairment		-,		_		_		_		18,145
Adj: Income taxes		(4,110)	(92)		(105))	(1,481)		(7,963)
Total core income (2)	(A) \$				\$	34,076	\$	29,881	\$	26,295
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Total revenue		\$ 114,472		118,622	\$	121,151		114,990	\$	115,664
Adj: Net securities losses/(gains) (1)		3,023		(88)		(718))	1,502		(30)
Adj: Net losses/(gains) on sale of business operations and assets						21		(481)		-
Total core revenue (2)	(B) \$	117,495	\$	118,534	\$	120,454	\$	116,011	\$	115,634
Total non-interest expense		\$ 90,188	\$	70,977	\$	72,337	\$	76,869	\$	90,041
Less: Merger, restructuring and other expense (see above)		(4,614)	(198)		(847))	(5,093)		(15,553)
Less: Employee and community investment				-		-		_		(3,400)
Less: Legal settlements		(3,000)	_		-		_		-
Less: Systems vendor restructuring costs		(8,379		_		_		_		_
Core non-interest expense (2)	(C) S		,	70,779	\$	71,490	\$	71,776	\$	71,088
								-		
(in millions, except per share data)										
Total average assets	(D) S	\$ 12,081	\$	11,910	\$	11.611	\$	11,467	\$	11,131
Total average shareholders' equity	(E)	1,581		1,558	Ψ	1,533	Ψ	1,509	Ψ	1,469
Total average tangible shareholders' equity (2)	(E) (F)	1,029		1,004		979		951		936
Total average tangible common shareholders' equity (2)	(G)	988		963		938		911		901
Total tangible shareholders' equity, period-end (2)(3)	(H)	1,001		979		961		941		939
Total tangible common shareholders' equity, period-end (2)(3)	(I)	961		939		921		901		898
Total tangible assets, period-end (2)(3)	(J)	11,660		11,477		11,347		10,963		11,013
Total taligible assets, period-end (2)(3)	(3)	11,000		11,4//		11,347		10,903		11,013
Total common shares outstanding, period-end (thousands)	(K)	45,417		45,420		45,420		45,360		45,290
Average diluted shares outstanding (thousands)	(L)	46,240		46,263		46,215		46,200		45,383
Core earnings per common share, diluted (2)	(A/L) \$	0.63	\$	0.70	\$	0.74	\$	0.65	\$	0.58
Tangible book value per common share, period-end (2)	(I/K)	21.15		20.68	-	20.28	_	19.86	_	19.83
Total tangible shareholders' equity/total tangible assets (2)	(H)/(J)	8.59		8.53		8.47		8.59		8.53
Total tangible shareholders equity/total tangible assets (2)	(11)/(3)	0.55		0.55		0.47		0.59		0.55
Performance ratios (4)										
GAAP return on assets		0.47		1.08	%	1.17	%	0.88	%	(0.10) %
Core return on assets (2)	(A/D)	0.97		1.08		1.17		1.04		0.94
GAAP return on equity		3.61		8.27		8.88		6.69		(0.77)
Core return on equity (2)	(A/E)	7.38		8.28		8.89		7.92		7.16
Core return on tangible common equity (2)(5)	(A+O)/(G)	12.07		13.67		14.82		13.43		11.90
Efficiency ratio (2)(6)	(C-O)/(B+M+P)	60.30		57.15		56.37		59.54		57.43
Net interest margin		3.41		3.32		3.50		3.36		3.50
Supplementary data (in thousands)										
Tax benefit on tax-credit investments (7)	(M) §	1,787	\$	1,374	\$	2,119	\$	596	\$	2,957
Non-interest income charge on tax-credit investments (8)	(N)	(1,610		(1,112)		(1,594)		(506)		(2,564)
Net income on tax-credit investments	(M+N)	177		262		525		90		393
Intangible amortization	(O) \$	1,202	\$	1,218	\$	1,246	\$	1,268	\$	1,183
Fully taxable equivalent income adjustment	(P)	1,763		1,807	Ψ	2,033	φ	1,820	ψ	3,122
i any tanaone equivalent meome adjustment	(r)	1,703		1,007		2,033		1,020		3,144

⁽¹⁾ Net securities losses/(gains) for the periods ending in 2018 include the change in fair value of the Company's equity securities in compliance with the Company's adoption of ASU 2016-01.

⁽²⁾ Non-GAAP financial measure.

⁽³⁾ Total tangible shareholders' equity is computed by taking total shareholders' equity less the intangible assets at period-end.

Total tangible assets is computed by taking total assets less the intangible assets at period-end.

⁽⁴⁾ Ratios are annualized and based on average balance sheet amounts, where applicable. Quarterly data may not sum to year-to-date data due to rounding.

⁽⁵⁾ Core return on tangible equity is computed by dividing the total core income adjusted for the tax-effected amortization of intangible assets, assuming a 27% marginal rate for 2018 and a 40% marginal rate for 2017, by tangible equity.

⁽⁶⁾ Efficiency ratio is computed by dividing total core tangible non-interest expense by the sum of total net interest income on a fully taxable equivalent basis and total core non-interest income adjusted to include tax credit benefit of tax shelter investments. The Company uses this non-GAAP measure to provide important information regarding its operational efficiency.

⁽⁷⁾ The tax benefit is the direct reduction to the income tax provision due to tax credits and deductions generated from investments in historic rehabilitation and low-income housing.

⁽⁸⁾ The non-interest income charge is the reduction to the tax-advantaged investments, which are incurred as the tax credits are generated.



RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA-UNAUDITED-(F-10)

			At or for th	e Years E	Years Ended			
		De	cember 31,	December 31,				
(Dollars in thousands)			2018		2017			
Net (loss)/income		\$	105,765	\$	55,247			
Adj: Net securities losses/(gains) (1)			3,719		(12,598)			
Adj: Loss on termination of hedges			-		6,629			
Adj: Net (gains) on sale of business operations			(460)		(296)			
Adj: Merger and acquisition expenses			8,930		24,876			
Adj: Restructuring expense and other			1,822		6,682			
Adj: Employee and community investment			2.000		3,400			
Adj: Legal settlements			3,000		-			
Adj: Systems vendor restructuring costs			8,379		10 145			
Adj: Deferred tax asset impairment			(5.700)		18,145			
Adj: Income taxes	(4)	Φ.	(5,788)	Φ.	(11,277)			
Total core income (2)	(A)	\$	125,367	\$	90,808			
Total revenue		\$	469,235	\$	420,484			
Adj: Net securities losses/(gains) (1)			3,719		(12,598)			
Adj: Net (gains) on sale of business operations			(460)		(296)			
Adj: Loss on termination of hedges		Φ.	-	Φ.	6,629			
Total core revenue (2)	(B)	\$	472,494	\$	414,219			
Total non-interest expense		\$	310,371	\$	299,710			
Less: Merger, restructuring and other expense (see above)			(10,752)		(31,558)			
Less: Employee and community investment			-		(3,400)			
Less: Legal settlements			(3,000)		-			
Less: Systems vendor restructuring costs			(8,379)		-			
Core non-interest expense (2)	(C)	\$	288,240	\$	264,752			
(in millions, except per share data)								
Total average assets	(D)	¢	11,769	\$	9,809			
Total average shareholders' equity	(E)	Ψ	1,546	Ψ	1,243			
Total average sharcholders equity Total average tangible shareholders' equity (2)	(E) (F)		991		793			
Total average tangible common shareholders' equity (2)	(G)		950		784			
Total tangible shareholders' equity, period-end (2)(3)	(H)		1,001		939			
Total tangible common shareholders' equity, period-end (2)(3)	(I)		961		898			
Total tangible assets, period-end (2)(3)	(J)		11,660		11,013			
Total common shares outstanding, period-end (thousands)	(K)		45,417		45,290			
Average diluted shares outstanding (thousands)	(L)		46,231		39,695			
Core earnings per common share, diluted (2)	(A/L)	\$	2.71	\$	2.29			
Tangible book value per common share, period-end (2)	(I/K)		21.15		19.83			
Total tangible shareholders' equity/total tangible assets (2)	(H)/(J)		8.59		8.53			
Performance ratios (4)								
GAAP return on assets			0.90 %		0.56 9			
Core return on assets (2)	(A/D)		1.07		0.93			
	(A/D)		6.84		4.45			
GAAP return on equity Core return on equity (2)	(A/E)		8.11		7.31			
Core return on tangible common equity (2)(5)	(A/E)		13.48		11.82			
1 3	(A+O)/(G)		13.48 58.32		59.97			
Efficiency ratio (2)(6)	(C-O)/(B+M+P)							
Net interest margin			3.40		3.40			
Supplementary data					46			
Tax benefit on tax-credit investments (7)	(M)	\$	5,876	\$	10,182			
Non-interest income charge on tax-credit investments (8)	(N)		(4,822)		(8,693)			
Net income on tax-credit investments	(M+N)		1,054		1,489			
Total alberta and action			4.024		2.402			
Intangible amortization	(0)		4,934		3,493			
Fully taxable equivalent income adjustment	(P)		7,423		11,227			

⁽¹⁾ Net securities losses/(gains) for the period ending December 31, 2018 includes the change in fair value of the Company's equity securities in compliance with the Company's adoption of ASU 2016-01.

⁽²⁾ Non-GAAP financial measure.

⁽³⁾ Total tangible shareholders' equity is computed by taking total shareholders' equity less the intangible assets at period-end.

Total tangible assets is computed by taking total assets less the intangible assets at period-end.

⁽⁴⁾ Ratios are annualized and based on average balance sheet amounts, where applicable. Quarterly data may not sum to year-to-date data due to rounding.

⁽⁵⁾ Core return on tangible equity is computed by dividing the total core income adjusted for the tax-effected amortization of intangible assets, assuming a 27% marginal rate for 2018 and 40% marginal rate for 2017, by tangible equity.

⁽⁶⁾ Efficiency ratio is computed by dividing total core tangible non-interest expense by the sum of total net interest income on a fully taxable equivalent basis and total core non-interest income adjusted to include tax credit benefit of tax shelter investments. The Company uses this non-GAAP measure to provide important information regarding its operational efficiency.

⁽⁷⁾ The tax benefit is the direct reduction to the income tax provision due to tax credits and deductions generated from investments in historic rehabilitation and low-income housing.

⁽⁸⁾ The non-interest income charge is the reduction to the tax-advantaged investments, which are incurred as the tax credits are generated.